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## (54) ANTIMICROBIAL AGENT

## (57) Abstract:

PURPOSE: To obtain an antimicrobial agent containing a compound such as 2-[3-methyl-4-(1-methyl-2-piperidyl)methoxy-2-pyridyl]met hylthio-1H-benzimidazole as an active ingredient and effective against a bacterium belonging to the genus Campylobacter.

CONSTITUTION: The antimicrobial agent containing a compound expressed by formula I [R $^1$  is H, halogen, alkyl, alkoxy, etc.; X is S, SO or SO $_2$ ; R $^2$  and R $^3$  are H, halogen or alkyl; (n) is 0 or 1-8; L is N(R $^4$ )R $^5$  (R $^4$  and R $^5$  are H, alkyl, phenyl, aralkyl, etc., or R $^4$  and R $^5$  form heterocycle together with adjacent N), formula II (R $^6$  is H, alkyl, etc.; Z is methylene, O or S; (I) and (m) are 0-3), etc.] or pharmaceutically permeable salt thereof. The antimicrobial agent is especially effective against a bacterium belonging to the genus Campylobacter which is a gram-negative and slightly aerobic bacterium.

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